

Local Rules

Policies while sailing out of the
Naval Sailing Center and Marina
Newport, Rhode Island

NAVSTA Newport Overview

- **Skipper responsibilities**
- **Qualifications**
- **Manifest**
- **Boating observance**
- **Boats available**
- **Boundary restrictions**
- **Weather, tides and sunset restrictions**
- **Sailing and powerboat periods**
- **Navigation brief**

Skipper Responsibilities

- **Name to which boat is issued**
- **Comply with all local instructions**
- **Navigation Rules (Rules of the Road)**
- **Safety of all personnel**
- **Reimbursement for damage or loss**

Navy-Wide Qualifications

- **US Naval Sailing Association**

- Navy quals were not easily translated to civilian sailing organizations

- **New**

- Dinghy Sailor
- Keel Boat Skipper
- Cruising Skipper
- Inland Skipper
- Coastal Skipper
- Offshore Skipper

- **Old**

- Skipper B
- Skipper B
- Skipper B+
- Local D
- Senior Skipper D
- Master Skipper E

Local Qualifications

- **Qualifications used Navy-wide**
- **Mate A (A)**
- **Skipper dingy/day sailing (B-DS)**
- **Skipper Keelboat (B-KBS)**
- **Skipper Racing (R)**
- **Sailing Instructor (I)**
- **Powerboat (PB)**

Mate A

- **Demonstrated required knowledge**
 - Basic safety
 - Basic boating theory and rules
- **Examination**
 - Written
 - Practical (e.g. swim, knots)
- **Required for on-water training**

Basic Dinghy/Day Sailor (B-DS)

- **Demonstrate knowledge small boats**
 - Dingy
 - Centerboard or daggerboard
- **Examination**
 - Written
 - Practical

Basic Keelboat Skipper (B-KBS)

- **Prerequisite is Mate A qualification**
- **18-27 ft sloop rigged keelboats with tiller steering**
 - Prevailing wind conditions
 - Aware of limitations
 - Intermediate or advanced
- **Examination**
 - Written
 - Practical

Skipper Racing (B-KBS-R)

- **Prerequisite B-KBS qualification**
 - Additional qualification
- **Comprehensive knowledge**
 - Boat handling
 - Racing rules
 - Tactics
 - Spinnakers issued to only –R skippers
- **Written and practical examination**

Sailing Instructor (B-KBS-I)

- **Prerequisite B-KBS qualification**
 - Additional qualification
- **Advanced knowledge**
 - Sailing theory
 - Boat handling
 - Ability to teach
- **Written and practical examination**

Powerboat Qualification (PB)

- **Demonstrate knowledge small boats**
 - Outboard motor
 - Wheel steering
- **Examination**
 - Written
 - Practical

Granting Qualifications

- **Marina employees**
- **CHNYC qualified volunteers**
 - List posted at Marina Office
- **Scheduled Sessions**
 - Normal training
 - Checkout/practical exams

Terms of Qualifications

- **Awarded on provisional basis**
- **Subject to reclassification or revocation by Marina Manager**
 - Violate good seamanship or safety rules
 - Excessively late in returning
 - Incurring damage
 - Collisions or groundings
- **Facts reported to MWR Department Officer**
 - Final judgment

Age Restrictions

- **Under 12 requires parent or guardian**
 - Written permission
 - Wear PFD at all times
- **Rhodes skipper**
 - 16 or older
- **Powerboat**
 - 17 or older
- **Shields skipper**
 - 18 or older

Manifest Form

- **Skipper ensures all crew/passengers are named on form**
- **Skipper certifies they are all qualified swimmers**
 - **Swim 50 yards & tread water 5 min**
- **Or will wear USCG certified PFD**
 - **Child < 12 yo. will wear all the time**
- **Read/sign fine print on back**

Boating Observance

- **Conduct in keeping with yachting**
 - Custom
 - Safety
- **No mooring except at Navy Marina**
- **Swimming prohibited**
- **Alcoholic beverages prohibited**
- **Closed-toed shoes**
 - Rubber, cork or crepe-soled
- **Don PFD rough weather approaching**

Securing the Boat

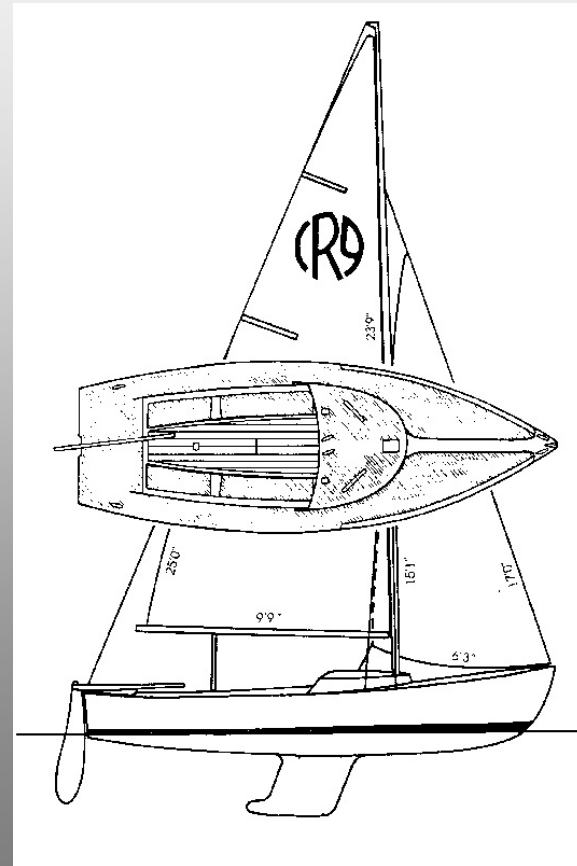
- **Properly moored and left shipshape**
 - Clean and dry
 - Rigging and lines stowed
- **Equipment properly secured**
 - Sails folded and bagged
 - PFDs and buckets returned
- **Skipper responsible for loss**
 - Report in writing
 - Pay for missing or damaged equipment

Types of Boats

- **Keelboats**
 - 19 Rhodes 19 class
 - 6 Shields class
- **Powerboats**
 - 4 Maritime Skiffs

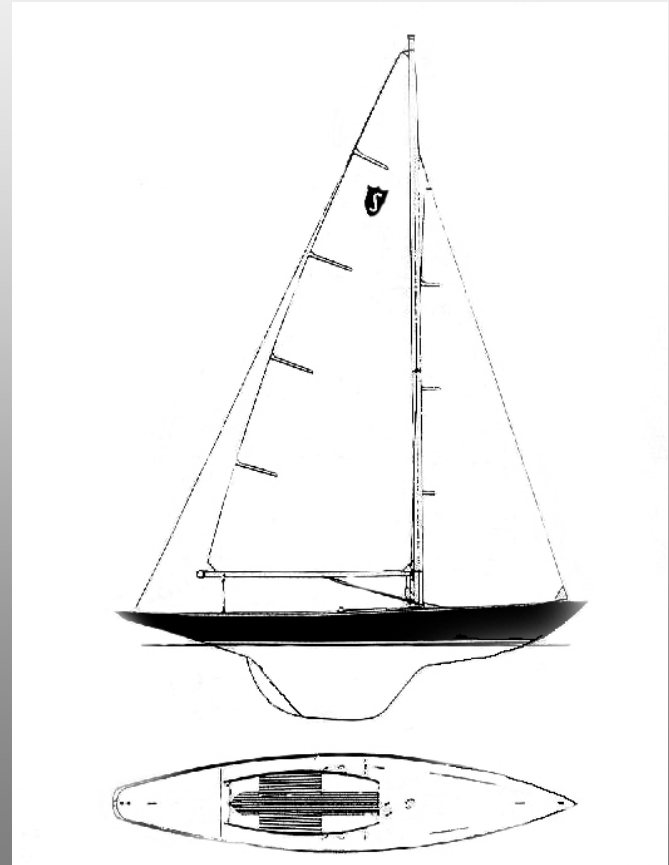
Rhodes 19 Class

- LOA 19'2"
- LWL 17'9"
- Beam 7'
- Sail Area 175
- Draft 3'3"
- Iron Keel 440
- Displacement 1325



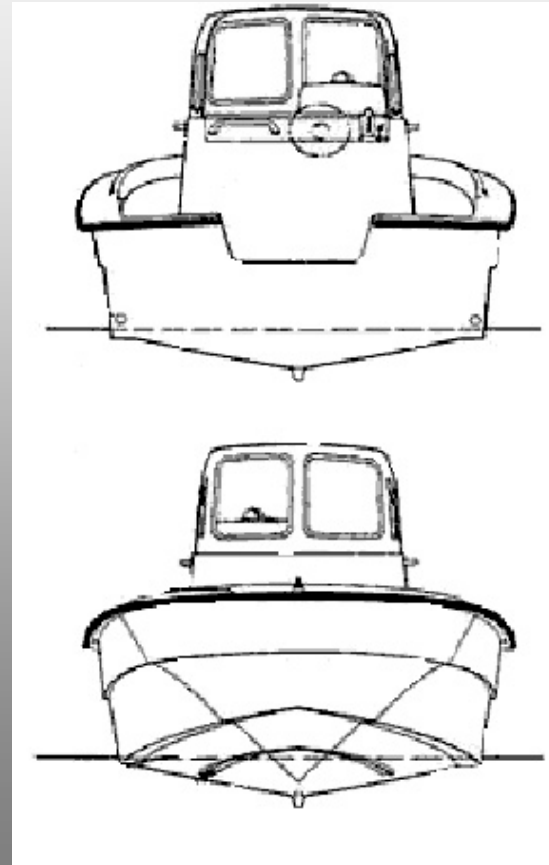
Shields Class

- **LOA** 30'3"
- **LWL** 20'
- **Beam** 6'5"
- **Sail Area** 360
- **Draft** 4'9"
- **Lead Keel** 3080
- **Displacement** 4600



Maritime Skiff Model # 1890

- **LOA** 18'6"
- **Beam** 7'6"
- **Draft** 9"
- **Freeboard** 30"
- **Outboard motor** 40hp
- **Displacement** 1140



Personnel Requirements

Type/Class	Minimum	Maximum
● Shields	2	6
● Rhodes	2	5
● Skiffs	2	5

Boundary Restrictions Rhodes 19

- **North**
 - **East-West line drawn through a point 300 yards North of Gould Island**
- **South**
 - **Line drawn from Ft Adams to Bull Point**

Boundary Restrictions Shields

- **North**

- **Line drawn from Northern tip Conanicut Island to Southern tip Prudence Island then to Carr Point**

- **South**

- **East-West line Brenton Point to Beavertail Point**

Boundary Restrictions Skiff

- **North**

- Northern tip Conanicut Island to Southern tip Prudence Island then
- Sandy Point on Prudence Island to Coggeshall Point Bend Marina

- **South**

- Shore Point on Conanicut Island to Castle Hill Light

Weather, Tide and Sunset

- **Consult whiteboard at Marina Office**
- **Return upon signs of approaching bad weather or fog**
 - **Visibility less than 1 mile**
- **NAVSTA Command Duty Officer**
 - **Final responsibility for canceling recreational sailing and powerboating**

Return to Marina Wind Criteria

- **Rhodes return when**
 - Average winds reach 18 knots or
 - Winds with gusts to 22 knots
- **Shields return when**
 - Average winds reach 22 knots or
 - Winds with gusts to 27 knots
- **Maritime Skiffs**
 - Average winds reach 18 knots or
 - Winds with gusts to 25 knots

Sailing and Powerboat Periods

- **Weekday**

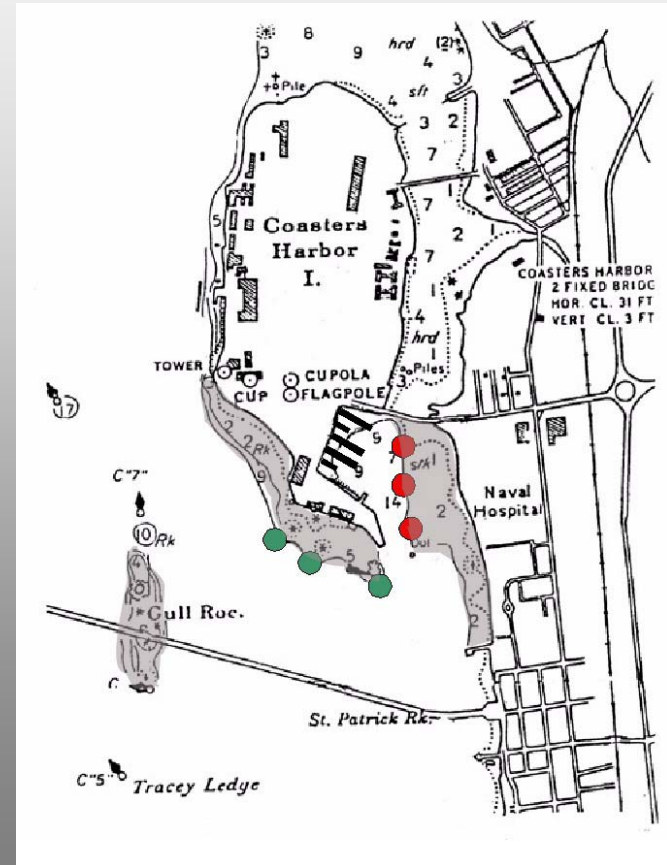
- 1200 - 1600
- 1600-30min<sunset

- **Weekend/holiday**

- 0800-1200
- 1200-1600
- 1600-30min<sunset

Navigation – Marina Area

- **See NOAA 13223**
 - Marina on SE side of Coasters Harbor Island
 - Rocks on South shore
 - Mud bank to East
- **Inbound**
 - Leave green buoys to port
 - Leave red buoys to starboard



Navigation Brief

- Through center three spans of bridge only
- Current N & S of bridge
- Stay clear of Gull Rock
- Narragansett Bay has restricted channels
- Avoid Rose Island shallows to North
- Avoid currents near Dumplings at harbor mouth

